

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR A MATERIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, the specification of which

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one)

 was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____.

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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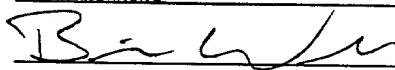
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature:



Date:

14 Dec 1998

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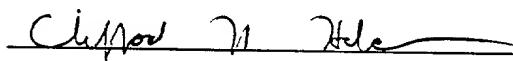
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POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
(Accompanying Application)

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in application for letters patent for DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR A MATERIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM and having the named inventors: BRIAN WEHRUNG, CLIFFORD HOLDEN hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his (their) attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.32: Harold C. Hohbach, Reg. No. 17,757; Aldo J. Test, Reg. No. 18,048; Thomas O. Herbert, Reg. No. 18,612; Donald N. MacIntosh, Reg. No. 20,316; Jerry G. Wright, Reg. No. 20,165; Edward S. Wright, Reg. No. 24,903; David J. Brezner, Reg. No. 24,774; Richard E. Backus, Reg. No. 22,701; James A. Sheridan, Reg. No. 25,435; Robert B. Chickering, Reg. No. 24,286; Gary S. Williams, Reg. No. 31,066; Richard F. Trecartin, Reg. No. 31,801; Walter H. Dreger, Reg. No. 24,190; Steven F. Caserza, Reg. No. 29,780; R. Michael Ananian, Reg. No. 35,050; and Douglas J. Crisman, Reg. No. 39,951 provided that if any one of said attorneys ceases being affiliated with the law firm of Flehr Hohbach Test, Albritton & Herbert, LLP as partner, employee or of counsel, such attorney's appointment as attorney and all powers derived therefrom shall terminate on the date such attorney ceases being so affiliated.

In accordance with 37 CFR 3.73 the assignee hereby certifies that the evidentiary documents with respect to its ownership have been reviewed and that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee seeking to take this action.

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(typed name)

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Brian Wehrung, residing at 2381 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California; and Clifford Holden, residing at 302 Fontanelle Drive, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California (hereinafter "Inventors"), has invented certain new and useful improvements in **DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR A MATERIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM** and have executed concurrently herewith an application for a United States patent disclosing and identifying the invention; and

WHEREAS, **PALO ALTO TECHNOLOGIES**, a corporation of the State of California, having a place of business at **P.O. Box 50990, Palo Alto California 94303-0990** (hereinafter termed "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, and in and to all embodiments of the invention, heretofore conceived, made or discovered by said Inventors (all collectively hereinafter termed "said invention"), and in and to any and all patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter termed "patents") thereon granted in the United States and foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Inventors to have been received in full from said Assignee:

1. Said Inventors do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest (a) in and to said application and said invention; (b) in and to all rights to apply for foreign patents on said invention pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all applications filed and any and all patents granted on said invention in the United States or any foreign country, including each and every application filed and each and every patent granted on any application which is a division, substitution, or

continuation of any of said applications; and (d) in and to each and every reissue or extensions of any of said patents.

2. Said Inventors hereby covenant and agree to cooperate with said Assignee to enable said Assignee to enjoy to the fullest extent the right title and interest herein conveyed in the United States and foreign countries. Such cooperation by said Inventors shall include prompt production of pertinent facts and documents, giving of testimony, execution of petitions, oaths, specifications, declarations or other papers, and other assistance all to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by said Assignee (a) for perfecting in said Assignee the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) for prosecuting any of said applications; (c) for filing and prosecuting substitute, divisional, continuing or additional applications covering said invention; (d) for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of any said patents; (e) for interference or other priority proceedings involving said invention; and (f) for legal proceedings involving said invention and any applications therefor and any patents granted thereon, including without limitation opposition proceedings, cancellation proceedings, priority contests, public use proceedings, infringement actions and court actions; provided, however, that the expense incurred by said Inventors in providing such cooperation shall be paid for by said Assignee.

3. The terms and covenants of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Inventor, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

4. Said Inventors hereby warrant and represent that they have not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Inventors have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee on the dates set forth below:

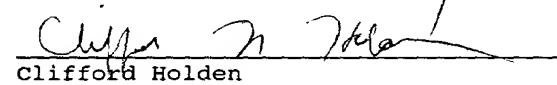
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